

**MINUTES**  
**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION (HCDC)**  
**Meeting – June 24, 2009**  
**Fresno City Hall, Room 2165A - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**  
**2600 Fresno Street**  
**Fresno, California 93721**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

With a quorum being present, the meeting was called to order by CHAIR Cox at 5:06 p.m.

**Commissioners**

Present:	Rogenia Cox, CHAIR Armando Rodriguez, VICE-CHAIR Louise Bauer Davoli, Commissioner Jas Singh, Commissioner Izzy Einsidler, Commissioner Sandy Cha, Commissioner	Absent:	Jeffrey Harrington, Commissioner
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**Staff**

Present:	Claudia Cázares, Interim Manager Housing and Community Development Erica Castaneda, Acting Recording Secretary	Absent:	Keith Bergthold, Interim Director Planning and Development Department
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**B. COMMUNICATIONS**

Agenda Item No. D3 was removed from the HCDC agenda by Redevelopment Agency.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of June 10, 2009 were approved as presented.

**D. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

1. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING TO THE CITY COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER FOR THE CALIFORNIA AND WALNUT AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, GENERALLY LOCATED AT CALIFORNIA AND PLUMAS AVENUES IN SOUTHWEST FRESNO GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD RENEWAL AREA REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA (BID FILE 2940-11416)

Jeff Krueger, Redevelopment Agency provided report to Commissioners. The proposed Agency project provides off-site street construction improvements to serve a mixed-use project under construction. The off-site construction will fulfill the City of Fresno General Plan requirements for development in this area by widening California Avenue and realigning Walnut Street. Commissioners had questions and discussion followed. Terry Cox, Redevelopment Agency assisted in answering commissioners' questions.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D1 by Vice-Chair Rodriguez  
Second: Commissioner Davoli seconded the motion.  
Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler, Cha  
Noes: None  
Abstain: None

2. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL/AGENCY BOARD APPROVE TRANSFER OF TITLE THROUGH A GRANT DEED FOR PROPERTY AT 450 "M" STREET, CURRENTLY OWNED BY THE CITY OF FRESNO TO BE TRANSFERRED TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY

Terry Cox, Redevelopment Agency provided report to Commissioners. The Agency entered into a Master Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) with a Master Developer for the development of a multi-phase mixed use commercial development. The project is known as "Old Armenian Town". Phase 1A of the project was

completed in September 2007 with construction of the State 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals building. As a result of necessary land acquisition required for Phase 1B of the project, the relocation of the Fire Department Headquarters at 450 "M" Street was required to comply with the DDA. Five existing houses within the project boundaries were identified for preservation. The State 3<sup>rd</sup> Court of Appeal ruled that the five historic houses were to be permanently sited at 450 "M" Street. Commissioners had questions and discussion followed.

Motion: Motion was made to recommend approval of item D2 by Commissioner Einsidler

Second: Commissioner Davoli seconded the motion.

Ayes: Cox, Rodriguez, Davoli, Singh, Einsidler, Cha

Noes: None

Abstain: None

#### **E. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

1. Claudia Cázares provided informational report to Commissioners regarding the Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 grant application to the U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development.
2. Terry Cox provided a handout in regards to Vice-Chair Rodriguez's request for an update on Hotel Fresno and location of new library.

#### **F. COMMISSIONERS' ITEMS**

None

#### **G. UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Redevelopment Agency extended an invitation to Commissioners to meet with the Agency's Executive Director and get an update on the Agency's projects.
2. Claudia Cázares updated Commissioners on their request to have a representative from California Legal Services attend HCDC meetings.

#### **H. ADJOURNMENT**

Next Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting: July 8, 2009.

There being no further business to bring before the Housing and Community Development Commission, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

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Attest: Rogenia Cox, CHAIR

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Attest: Claudia Cázares, Interim Manager  
Housing and Community Development